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Boys will be boys, even if they're monkeys



PARIS—JOHNNY MAY be hardwired to play with toy guns and dump trucks after all.

As for his little sister's preference for Barbie and Beanie Babies, chalk it up to DNA, scientists say.

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All's not lost yet for Senate —Panganiban

By Leila B. Salaverria, Michael Lim Ubac and Ronnel W. Domingo

IT MAY HAPPEN ONCE IN A BLUE MOON, but the Supreme Court reversing itself is not improbable, said retired Chief Justice Artemio Panganiban.

"It's quite rare, but it has happened. It's a case of convincing some members of the majority to change sides. New and strong arguments can convince justices to change their positions, especially in high profile cases," Panganiban told the

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WHISTLE-BLOWER Rodolfo Noel "Jun" Lozada (center) joins nuns and opposition senators in a march from Adamson University to the Supreme Court on Tuesday.

Senate warns RP on road to 'autocracy'

By Leila B. Salaverria

SAYING THE DANGERS OF PRESIDENTIAL abuse had significantly increased, the Senate yesterday warned that the nation was on the road to "autocracy" unless the Supreme Court reversed its March 25 ruling on executive privilege.

In a 105-page motion for reconsideration filed with the high tribunal, the Senate said that the constitutional principles of transparency and accountability were stronger than the need to keep President Macapagal-Arroyo's knowledge of an alleged criminal activity secret.

The Senate said that the tribunal's decision in the case of former Director

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CHED Chair Romulo Neri (left) joins the rest of the President's men, Cerge Remonde (standing center), Ed Pamintuan (standing right), Silvestre Bello III (seated right) and Sergio Apostol (back turned) at Malacañang on Tuesday.

2 coup plotters get life

Japan rights group tags cops, soldiers in killings

By Jerome Aning

A JAPAN-BASED INTERNATIONAL human rights group yesterday joined the growing number of nongovernment organizations that have tagged the Philippine military and police in extrajudicial killings and forced disappearances.

Human Rights Now (HRN) said a fact-finding team it sent to the Philippines last year had concluded that there were "reasonable grounds" to believe that in the many cases, the Armed Forces of the Philippines or the Philippine National Police were responsible for the killings.

HRN faulted the Arroyo administration for its counterinsurgency measures that purportedly encouraged human

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CAPTAINS Gerardo Gambala (left) and Milo Maestrecampo (right), two of the junior Army officers who led the 2003 Oakwood mutiny, arrive at Makati Regional Trial Court Branch 148 for sentencing on Tuesday. The two officers were meted to up to 40 years in prison in the first ever coup d'etat conviction in the country.

12-yr jail terms for 7 Magdalo officers

By DJ Yap and Alcuin Papa

TWO OF THE JUNIOR Army officers who led the 2003 "Oakwood mutiny" were yesterday sentenced to up to 40 years in prison in the first ever coup d'etat conviction in the country.

Judge Oscar Pimentel of Makati Regional Trial Court Branch 148 imposed the maximum penalty on Captains Milo Maestrecampo and Gerardo Gambala, who were identified as "leaders" of the so-called Magdalo group's takeover of the then Oakwood Premier serviced apartments on July 27, 2003.

Pimentel also imposed 6- to 12-year prison terms on seven other officers—Captains Albert Baloloy, John Andres and Alvin Ebreo, and Lieutenants Lawrence Luis Somera, Florentino Somera, Christopher Bryan Yaon and Cleo Dongga-as—who were found to have been mere "participants" in the takeover.

"This is the first indictment and the first conviction for coup d'etat in the Philippines," State Prosecutor Juan Pedro Navera said.

COUP / A6

91-yr-old vet recalls Bataan nightmare

By Maurice Malanes
Inquirer Northern Luzon

BAGUIO CITY—BEFORE RISING TO become a police chief, a Benguet Congress vice president and mayor of this city in the mid-1980s, Francisco Bazan lived through starvation, disease and the daily threat of being stabbed with a

N-YR-OLD / A6

No turning back for SBMA, Hanjin

By Tonette Orejas
Inquirer Central Luzon
and Dona Pazzibugan
in Manila

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT—DESPITE AN uproar from green groups and threats of a Senate investigation, the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) isn't about to compel its biggest investor to cancel the construction of two high-rise condominiums within the free port's lush forest.

And the project owner—South Korean shipbuilder Hanjin Heavy Industries & Construction Philippines Inc.—isn't backing out either.

"There are no grounds to stop the project," SBMA Administrator Armand Arreza told reporters on Tuesday. "We can't be whimsical. It's not that SBMA isn't playing hardball."

"Don't tell me we will hack off several floors from this building," Arreza said in Filipino, referring to criticism from a senator who said the buildings were too high, towering over the trees.

Arreza said the SBMA was "not afraid of investigation."

NO TURNING / A6

'Indelible' ink marks NFA rice buyers



MOTHER and child head for home with packets of NFA rice bought at P18.25 a kilo.

By Ephraim Aguilar
Inquirer Southern Luzon
and Jhunnex Napallacan
Inquirer Visayas
and Christine O. Avendaño

NOWADAYS, A FINGERNAIL BEARING an ink stain is likely to belong to someone who buys government-subsidized rice.

"Indelible" ink is being used in the Bicol region not to guard against flying voters, but to mark consumers who are each entitled to buy one kilogram of cheap rice per day.

The "indelible" ink referred to by the National Food Authority (NFA) is the ink from stamp pads that its accredited retailers use to identify repeat buyers.

In Cebu province, some retailers are using pens to mark the fingernails of those who buy NFA rice from them.

These measures are being adopted to prevent consumers from acquiring subsidized rice more than their daily quota—up to three one-kg bags of rice from the NFA and one bag from an NFA-accredited retailer.

Rice prices have soared because of a tight global supply aggravated by hoarding.

Saying there was no cause for panic amid the rising prices, President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday assured the nation that her administration was paras-

'INDELIBLE' / A10



A VENDOR selling higher-priced commercial rice whiles away the time playing with a Rubik's Cube while waiting for customers at a public market in Manila on Tuesday.

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'Soft diplomacy' for doomed Pinay

Gov't to try new tack on Kuwait to save life of May Vecina

By Cynthia D. Balana

THE GOVERNMENT WILL TRY "SOFT DIPLOMACY" to save the life of a Filipino domestic helper sentenced to death in Kuwait for killing the 7-year-old son of her employers and seriously wounding their two other children in January 2007.

SRA says zero tariff to kill sugar industry

Matter of time

Ethanol production

Mideast-trained militant refuses Abu Sayyaf helm

Senate to summon Quedancor chief over swine loans

By Gil Cabacungan

"Tailor fit"

Lion's share

Customs agents probed on steel sheets smuggling

By Margaux C. Ortiz

Corrections

IN THE APRIL 5 ISSUE, a story on Page A2—"Ex-rebel tells own plead 'guilty' to mutiny trial"—misspelled the surname of one of the Magdalo soldiers. His name is Milo Maestrecampo—not Maestrocampo.

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THE SAME STORY also inadvertently omitted the first name of the lawyer of Marine Capt. Nicanor Faeldon. The lawyer's full name is Trixie Cruz-Angeles.

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IN THE APRIL 6 ISSUE, a commentary on Page A25 of the Sports section—"A smaller team for unknowns"—misspelled the surname of the Philippine chief of mission in the 2008 Olympics. His name is Monico Puentevella—not Fuentevella.

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IN THE APRIL 7 ISSUE, an article on Page C4 of the Lifestyle section—[illegible]—misspelled the name of a party-list representative. Her name is [illegible].

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IN THE SAME ISSUE, a photo caption on Page E4 of the Lifestyle section—"The good, the bad and the ugly [illegible]"—misspelled the first name of an actor in the movie, "No Country for Old Men." The actor's name is Javier—not Xavier—Bardem.

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IN THE APRIL 8 ISSUE, a front-page story—"After 17 years a soldier, he finally sees Corregidor"—misstated the name of the air base where the Philippine Air Force's Non-Commissioned Officers' School is found. The NCO School is found at Fernando—not San Fernando—Air Base in Lipa City.

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Cavite journalist shot dead in Pasig

By Nancy Carvajal

A PROVINCIAL JOURNALIST was shot dead by a motorcycle-riding gunman in Pasig City Monday night, police said yesterday.

The victim, identified as Benefredo Y. Acabal, 34, of Barangay [illegible], Silang, Cavite City, was the 10th journalist slain in the country since 2001.

He was rushed to the Rizal Medical Center but died from five gunshot wounds in his arms and chest.

Senior Supt. Francisco [illegible] said he was identified through an identification card found on his body which indicated that he was publisher and columnist of Filipino Newsmen, a publication based in Trece Martires City, south of Manila.

[illegible] said Acabal was shot as he emerged from a house along A. Rodriguez Avenue corner Greenpark St., Manggahan, at around 11:15 p.m.

The lone gunman and a [illegible] fled [illegible], the police chief said.

The motive of the killing has not yet been established.

One of the witnesses, identified as Staff Sgt. Antonio [illegible] of the Philippine Army, told investigators that he and the victim were in a friend's house a few minutes before the shooting took place.

He said Acabal, who was also engaged in "trucking," excused himself to get something from his car. Then they heard a gunshot.

Police said the victim's personal things inside his car, parked a short distance from where he was shot, appeared untouched.

Another witness told investigators the gunman fired at Acabal as soon as he emerged from the house then chased him with more shots as he tried to run away.

The New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists as well as the French Reporters Without Borders have both branded the Philippines as the second most dangerous place for working journalists outside of Iraq.

Five journalists were killed in the Philippines last year, while at least 12 were killed in 2006. The deaths have forced government to set up a special task force to protect members of the press, who in some cases are allowed to carry handguns for their own protection. With a report from AFP



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Speaker fears weakening of RP claims

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Pinoy maids get pay hike in HK—Palace

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No turning back for SBMA, Hanjin



ARTIST'S perspective of the two high-rise condominiums by Korean shipbuilder Hanjin Heavy Industries & Construction Ltd. inside the 10,000-hectare Subic Watershed Forest Reserve.

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No retreat

Only 28 trees cut

Cutting done early

Core zone

Payumo's time

Other locators

Not belligerent

Senator's questions

Rice Sufficiency Up in La Union



Despite the global problem on food shortage as disclosed by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo during her visit in Luna, La Union on March 20, 2008, the Province of La Union's rice supply has remained sufficient. For the year 2007 alone, the province has posted a harvest of 172,285 metric tons planted in 37,437 hectares during the year. La Union had a 128% rice sufficiency level with a yield per hectare of 4.64 metric tons and generated income of 722 million pesos. For hybrid rice alone, 13,290 metric tons were produced in 2,128 hectares, yielding 6.5 metric tons for every hectare.

To date, a total of 35,419 metric tons or 708,380 bags is the projected rice production from November in 2007 to April 2008 cropping season. Out of the 35,419 metric tons, 10,230 metric tons comes from the National Food Authority-La Union. Thus, La Union is more than sufficient in rice at 174% sufficiency level with a buffer stock of 15,054 metric tons rice supply to last until October this year.

PGMA also visited NFA in San Juan with La Union Governor Manuel C. Ortega, La Union First District Congressman Victor F. Ortega, San Fernando City Mayor Pablo C. Ortega and Former San Fernando Mayor Mary Jane C. Ortega after the "Serbisyo-Muna Caravan" in Luna. Here, Governor Ortega assured the President of the said rice sufficiency level of the province even up to October 2008 which is the next rice harvest season.

The sustained sufficiency of rice supply in the province has been made possible with the full support of the Provincial Government of La Union led by Governor Ortega and the Provincial Board headed by Vice-Governor Eulogio Clarence Martin P. De Guzman III, through the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist headed by Mr. Avelino A. Lumboy, in undertaking various rice production interventions. It includes the production of 19,117 metric tons of certified seeds, distribution of 4,244 bags of organic fertilizers, 15,492 packs of Bio-N and 3,819 packs of zinc sulfate, rehabilitation of drought-affected areas through the provision of 48 bags of certified seeds and other high value crops, training of seed growers, re-organization of the La Union Seed Growers Multi-Purpose Cooperative, Inc., 4 x 8 Seed Production, Palay Check activities and distribution of techno rice kits, among others.

PETO-PGLU

Yacht with 6 RP crewmen hijacked

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Cynthia D. Balana

Filipino was 2nd victim of 'chop-chop' slay suspect

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The Daily Gospel

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2 coup plotters get life

Change of plea

'Justice taking course'

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Aiming for parole

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Final stand

Death March starts

Packed in boxcars

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‘Reso’ seeking Japan apology for war rapes returned for revoting

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‘Unanimous’

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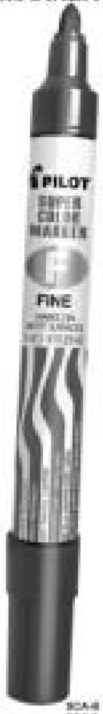
Marcos adviser

‘Hearsay’

Rosario da Roza, voice of Mambo Magsaysay; 82

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Private traders can import rice only through NFA,

'Indelible' ink r



... says agriculture chief

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... death

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Help farmers

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...marks NFA rice buyers



TO REGULATE rice distribution, indelible ink is applied on the nail of consumers at the National Food Authority warehouse in Legazpi City.

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Three phases

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Public bidding

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Mosques

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...e price of rice



Boys will be boys, even if they're monkeys—study

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Monkeys' preferences

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Females more curious

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How to starve indigenous communities

'Modern' agriculture threatens food self-sufficiency of many villages in the Cordillera

By [illegible]
Baguio City

THE IGOROT PEOPLE NOW acknowledge their ancestors' long-term foresight in ensuring the food security of succeeding generations by carving rice terraces, even in rough, challenging terrain, in the Cordillera mountains.

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Debt trap

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Hunger, blood

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Policy issues

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BUNDLES of newly harvested "tinawon" rice are left to dry under the sun in a yard in Banaue, Ifugao.



KALINGA women pound the native "unoy" rice in a recent festival in Tinglayan, Kalinga.

Bill allowing ex-rebs in AFP, PNP backed

TACLOBAN CITY—MILitary officials in Eastern Visayas expressed guarded support for a bill seeking to integrate former communist guerrillas into the Armed Forces of the Philippines or the Philippine National Police.



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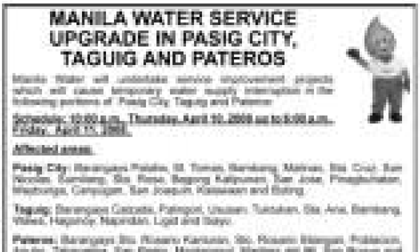
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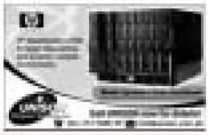
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DRAGON boat rowers will show the team spirit that won them many awards when they join other environment advocates for the day-long activities on Earth Day, April 22.

Water conservation CCP's Earth Day focus

By Tina G. Santos

THE IMPORTANCE OF WATER and the need to conserve and protect it will be the focus of the Earth Day celebration on April 22 at the Cultural Center of the Philippines.

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42 erring cops sacked

Four officers among those dismissed

By Julie M. Aurelio

FORTY-TWO POLICEmen in the National Capital Region have been dismissed for grave offenses.

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Cheers, jeers for MMDA anti-'colorum' campaign

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Bus carrying teachers slams into SLEX barrier; 2 hurt

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Clean-up operations

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Cheers, jeers for MMDA ...

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Cop nabbed in own precinct

Metro sizzles with 3 fires

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The WORLD

401 children rescued from polygamist sect

ELDORADO, TEXAS—AFTER SPENDING YEARS in seclusion in the sprawling compound of a polygamist sect, more than 400 children were taken into state custody amid allegations of widespread sexual and physical abuse, officials said on Monday.

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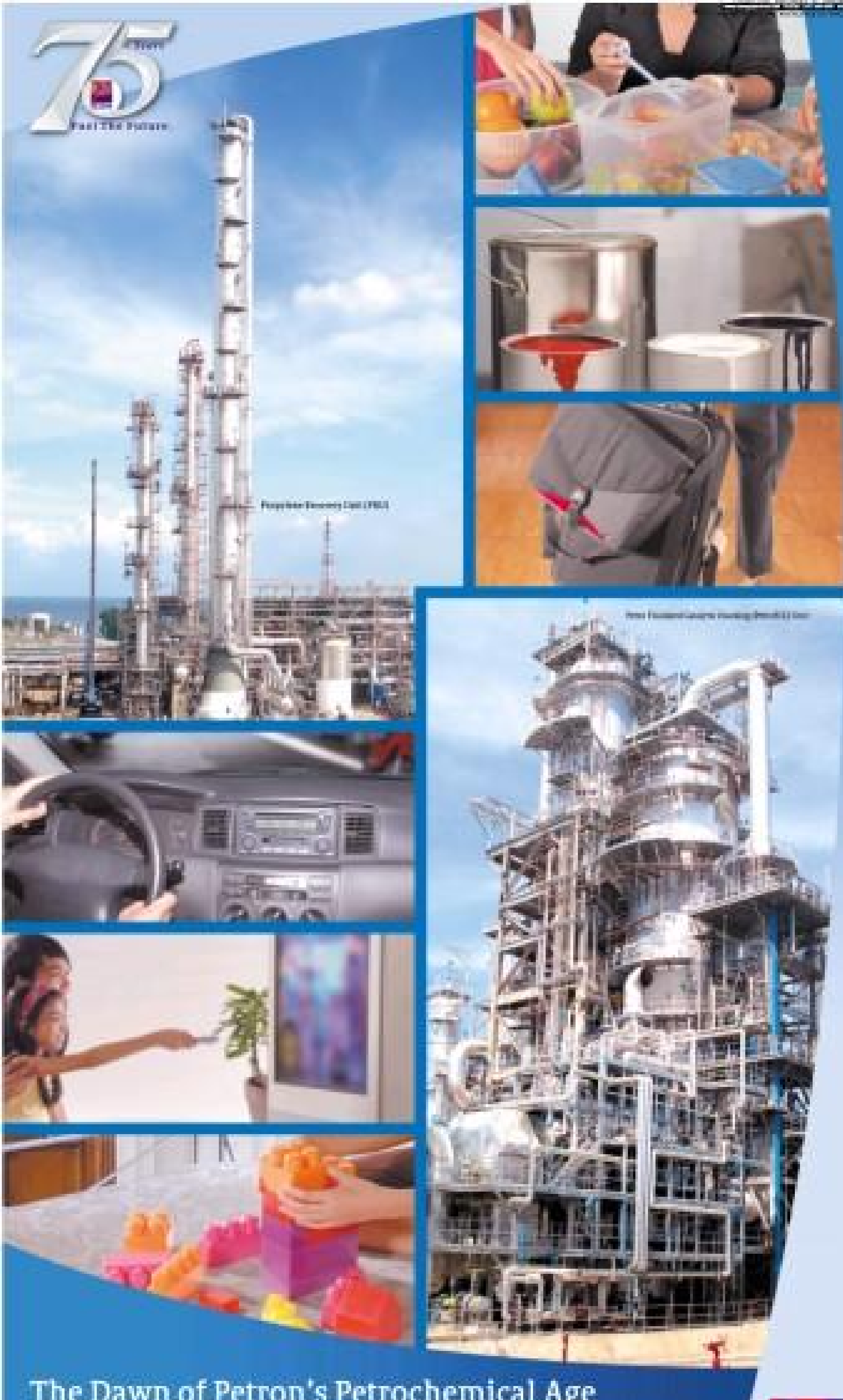
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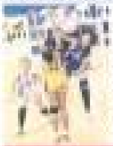
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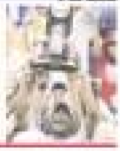


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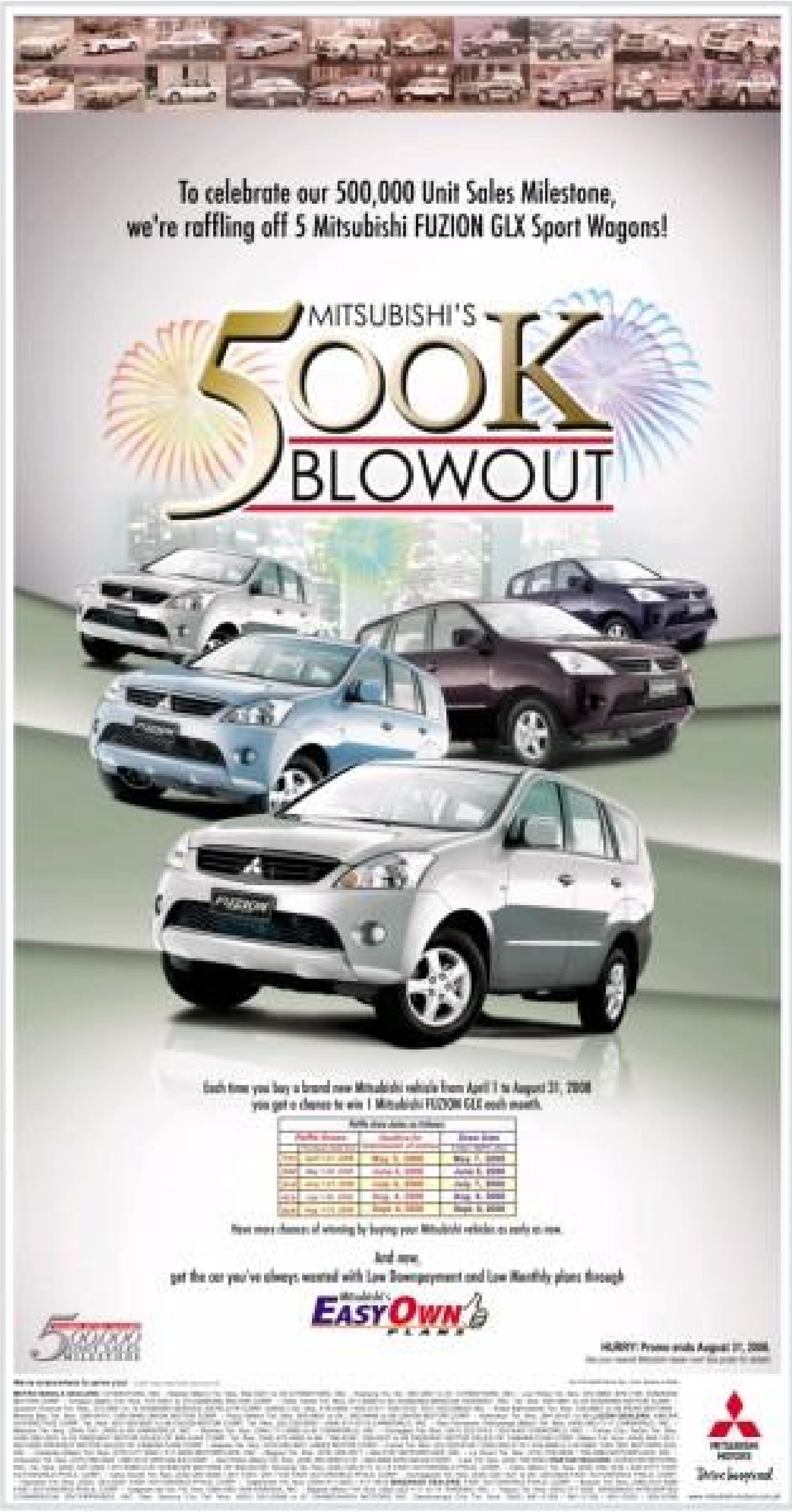
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Massive rice in food prices

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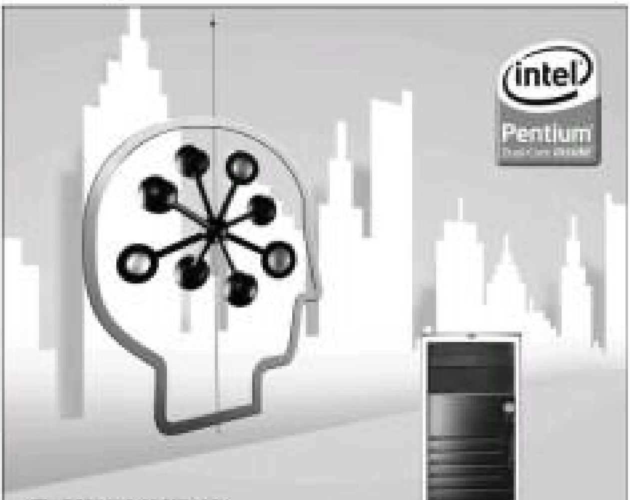
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GM veers toward emerging markets in Southeast Asia

Text and photos by Charles E. Buban

AS GENERAL MOTORS and Japanese rival Toyota battle it out for dominance of the world auto market, GM announced it will intensify its presence in the Southeast Asian region, which the Detroit-based car giant described as one of the fastest-growing car markets in the world.

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By Tessa R. Salazar



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PHILIPPINE FOOD PRODUCTION

WB more than willing to provide agri aid to RP

By Michelle V. Remo

THE WORLD BANK IS KEEN ON providing technical and loan assistance to improve food production and supply management in the Philippines.

This was according to the Department of Finance, which said programs that will help improve agriculture production are now necessary given the supply problems that result to higher prices of commodities.

"Improving food production is definitely a crucial issue for us [Philippines] and for other countries in the region," Finance Undersecretary and acting National Treasurer Roberto Tan told reporters.

Tan said the Department of Agriculture (DA) and the National Food Authority (NFA) will be the implementing agencies for the proposed program on improving food production.

He said the World Bank could provide experts who could help train Filipino farmers on improving productivity and could lend the amount needed for the program.

The food supply problem was largely blamed for the steeper rise in consumer prices.

In March, year-on-year inflation hit 6.4 percent, preventing the government from keeping to its target of limiting the rise in consumer prices between 3 to 5 percent.

The latest inflation figure was an acceleration from the 5.4 percent posted in February and the fastest since August 2006.

Authorities said some unscrupulous traders have been taking advantage of the tightening supply of rice. Some of them have been repackaging NFA rice and selling them at commercial prices, while others were hoarding supply to further jack up prices.

The Department of Finance also said the government could reduce tariff on imported rice or allow the NFA to import more rice even at higher cost.

Bert Hofman, World Bank's country director, said during the Philippine Development Forum last month that the institution would welcome proposals to assist the Philippines in the conduct of food-related programs.

Hofman said the World Bank was interested in assisting the Philippine government in its plans to provide food subsidies to the poorest of the poor.

The government is looking at providing food subsidies to members of poor families who will visit healthcare centers and will attend school. The program, however, requires a substantial budget.

Hofman said that, in promoting the program, the institution would need to be assured that those who would benefit are really those in need.

Hofman said programs for the poorest of the poor were necessary so that the benefits of an improving economy would be felt by every one.

Direct subsidies would be one way of allowing the fruits of a developing economy to trickle down to the masses.

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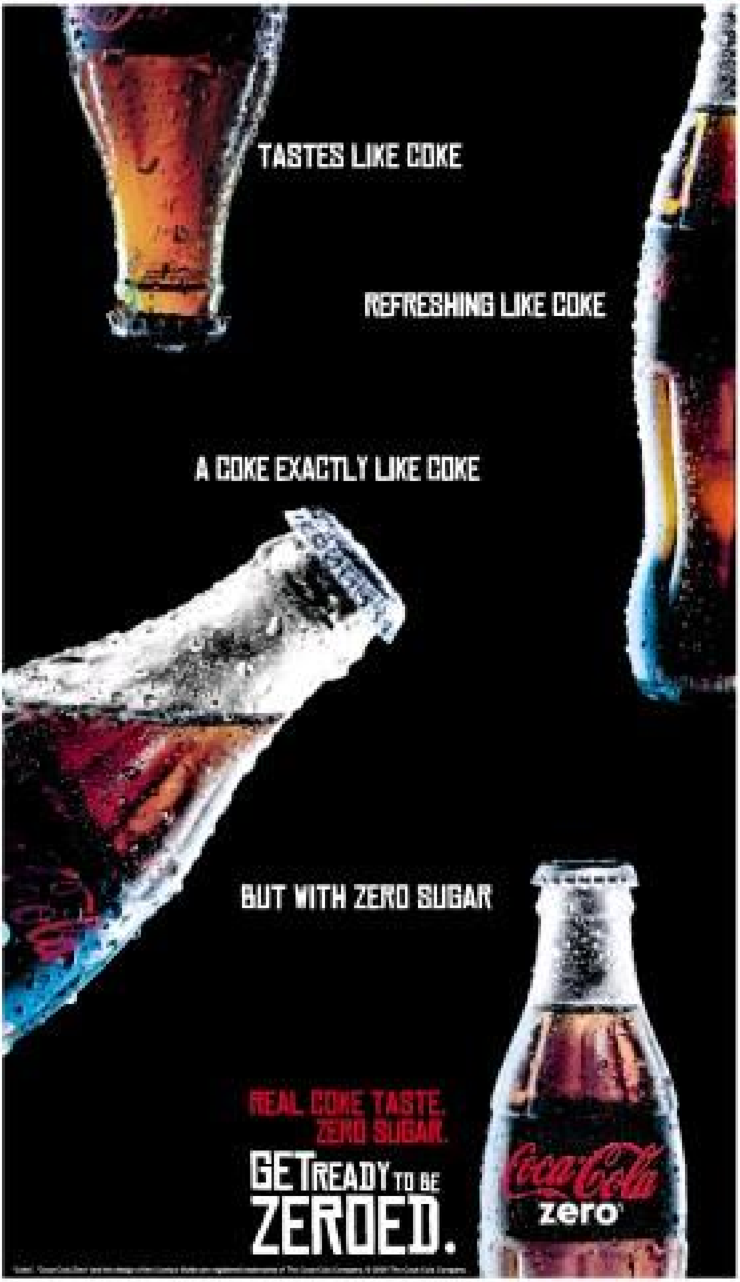


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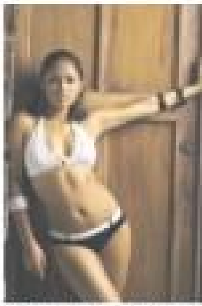
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Surf's up for Nikki dela Paz

By Pam Pastor
Photos by Niel Lacanlale



NIKKI in action

TWENTY-FOUR-YEAR-OLD NIKKI DELA Paz has a job as designer for an architect. But her heart really belongs on the beach, where she fearlessly faces the waves as one of the country's top female surfers.

The only female rider of the Aloha Surf Team, Nikki joins national surf competitions—and wins them. But she surfs not just for glory, she does it for the love of the sport.

And her passion isn't just for summer. She surfs all-year long.

What is your fitness regimen?

Hahaha! I eat a lot and my dad says I eat like a boy. My only exercise is surfing and, most of the time, when you're a surfer, you have a huge appetite.

But surfing is exercise enough. Most people think that surfing is easy but they soon find out once they hit the water that it's really a workout. When you start surfing, you tire easily. But you build your endurance the more you surf.

What's your fashion style?

I think it's a cross between laid back and smart dressing. I'm most comfortable in shorts or dresses and flats.

What do you wear in summer?

I wear white. Well, I wear white all year, because it looks so fresh.



NATURE girl



WAHINE princess: Nikki loves the beach.

What do you like seeing on boys in the summer?

A nice tan.

What scent do you like for yourself?

I love smelling sunblock because it reminds me of summer!

What's your favorite thing to do in summer?

I love going to the beach with my family. Surfing? I can do that all year round. Spending time with my family—especially with my brothers since they don't have school—is number one on my list.

What's your favorite summer destination?

Of course the beach! My family and I make it a point to go to different places every year, places that aren't popular. We try to discover uncrowded but beautiful beaches to go to.

HEALTHY and ACTIVE LIFESTYLE
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Supermodel Gisele's flip-flop line











SHADES OF VINTAGE HOLLYWOOD

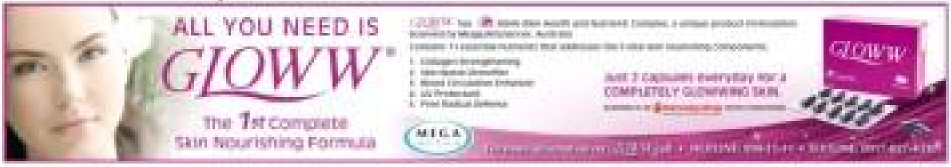


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LIFESTYLE



Starry, starry blogs

Get your celebrity fix

By Mimi Mark M. Sablan
2bU! Correspondent

IF VISITING THE ALWAYS ENTERTAINING OH NO THEY Didn't [illegible] is not enough to satisfy your celebrity fix, then it's time to visit other sites not included in your Favorites folder.



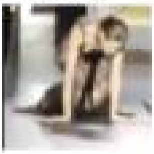
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INSIDE: 'I have a girlfriend but I'm having an emotional affair' /D3

When supermodels stumble

Check out these YouTube vids and get a laugh



BY Mimi Mark M. Sablan
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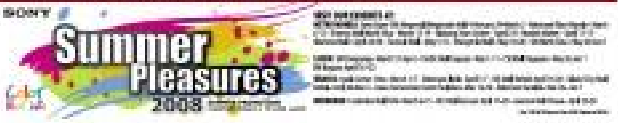
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Do you wanna drop?
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COMIC Relief

A drama novel by CARLO J. CAPARAS

To have and to hold

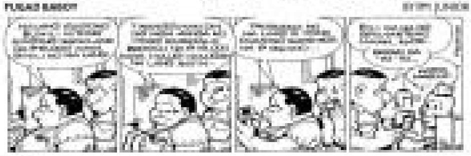
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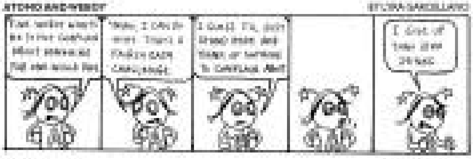
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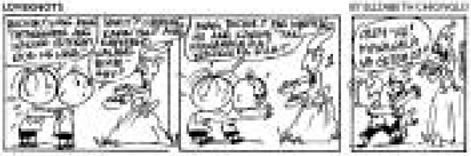
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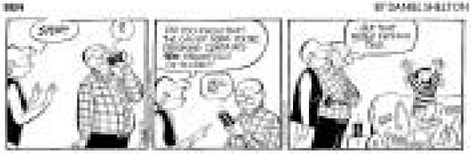
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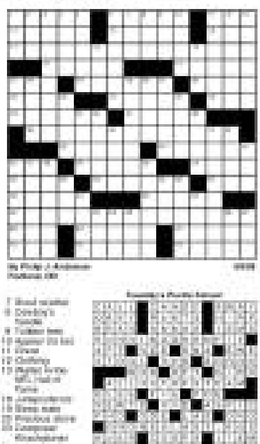
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HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

Embellished headband

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STEP 2



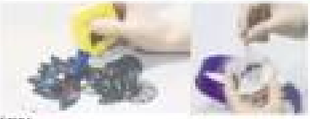
STEP 3
Measure length of garter needed.

MATERIALS:



STEP 4





STEP 5



STEP 6
Embellished headband!

Should I break up with my GF for a new girl?

DEAR JEWEL,





Knowing when to end it

When you wake up one day and don't recognize yourself anymore, it's time to call it quits



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Blogger now a radio host

BRIAN GORRELL, the Australian florist who skewered "high" society people in his blog, is now a host in a Philippine radio program. He joins "Good Times with Mo, Mojo and Grace" on Magic 89.9 starting today. "I'm very happy about it," Gorrell told the Inquirer via e-mail. "I'll go on at 7:30 a.m., which is 10:30 in Australia. I have no idea what we'll talk about." In his first interview with the trio, he had to rush "because the gossip was mounting." For his weekly gig honorarium, "I'm going to sell coffee. They've arranged for that."

Bayani San Diego Jr.

Sharon on Gabby: I finally got a 'thank you' after all these years



By Bayani San Diego Jr.

BETWEEN FINISHING her schoolwork for the UP Open University and laying down tracks for two forthcoming CDs under Sony-BMG, singer-actress Sharon Cuneta found the time to field questions about the show biz comeback of former husband Gabby Concepcion.

Inquirer Entertainment caught up with Sharon, who granted a phone interview as she was traveling to a Makati recording studio on Tuesday night, three days before her flight to London, where she is currently shooting the Star Cinema drama "Caregiver."

On the phone, Sharon sounded harassed, as she was obviously being hit from all sides—juggling school, work, family.

To top it off, the Gabby issue had to explode in that very same week.

She candidly admitted that she is wary about the Gabby comeback.

"The industry lacks good leading men like him," she explained.

At the same time, she is not so keen about a proposed Sharon-Gabby reunion movie with their daughter KC (whom she fondly calls their "eternal connection") dependent on good reasons.



LAST time they talked was on the phone, two years ago.



YOUNG love: sole couple pose lovingly at their first baby, Kristina Cassandra.

"People say there's clamor [for such a movie]," she noted. "I have no problem with that. But the point is: Does he want to do it?"

Another crucial consideration: "Does KC want to do it?"

Easy target

"I believe KC wants to establish herself first as an actress, away from the shadow of her parents," Sharon clarified. "It's best for KC's first movie to be a solo [starrer]."

She agreed with Gabby that such a project would be an easy target for bigger [illegible].

Sharon pointed out: "No amount of money would be worth the peace of mind of my husband (Sen. Francis Pangilinan) and my two young daughters (Frankie and Miel)."

Sharon's priority is to shield her daughters from controversy. "We have no time for negativity," she insisted.

In any case, she reiterated that she and Gabby are "civil" to each other.

The last time they talked was on the cell phone, when KC visited Gabby in San Francisco two years ago.

Phone exchange

"I was talking to KC, who was on the way to the airport, bound for home," Sharon recalled. "She suddenly gave the phone to Gabby."

It was a pleasant conversation, she recounted. "He told me he was happy that KC grew up into a wonderful young woman. I told him that she loved and respected him deeply, even if they didn't see each other for so long."

To break the awkwardness, Sharon cracked, "I guess that says something about the kind of parent I am. Then, he said thank you."

When she put down the phone, Sharon said, "I started crying. After all these years, I finally got a thank you."

Should she bump into him in the hallways of ABS-CBN, Sharon insisted, "I would say hi to him. I don't expect to be immediately chummy with him, but I'll be cordial."

As she jokingly inquired earlier (when told about Gabby's contract with ABS-CBN): "We're Kapamilya again?"

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Readers have a lot



FEEDBACK SPECIAL

Something fishy

Paging Raymond Gutierrez





more to say this week

Another fishy deal

Gimmicks on record

Proud of Clara Sotto

Why Gerald Anderson?

Looking for clues







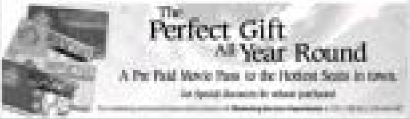
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1 FOOL'S GOLD
2 MY BROTHER'S WIFE
3 THE MIST
4 SUPAHPAPALICIOUS

LIPA

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ANGELES

1 MEET THE SPARTANS
2 ATONEMENT
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4 STEP UP 2

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1 ATONEMENT
2 ASSASSINATION of JESSE JAMES
3 MY BROTHER'S WIFE

STARMILLS

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Chikezie wants to bring home a Grammy

By Pras Rastigbak

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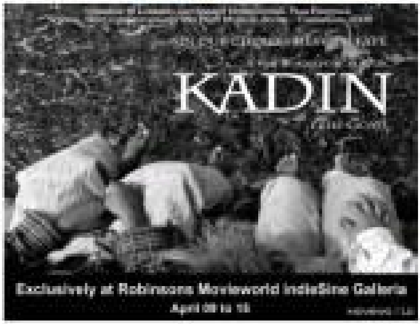
Knowing Simon

What went wrong

God's plan



THE SOUL singer is set to do the Idols tour once the season ends.





ENTERTAINMENT

INSIDE



Ruffa Mae Quinto: "May pipo na, may projects pa."

Head over heels in love—again

By Marinel R. Cruz

RUFFA MAE QUINTO IS HEAD over heels in love.

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BF as chaperone

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Project overload

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Nat'l broadcasters' group reinforces 18-minute rule

By Pocholo Concepcion

THE PRESIDENT OF THE KAPISANAN NG mga Brodkaster ng Pilipinas (KBP) is a confessed teleserye fan.

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KBP president Mabel Espinosa





OPENING TODAY

Nim's Island

Kadin

No Country for Old Men


"KADIN"

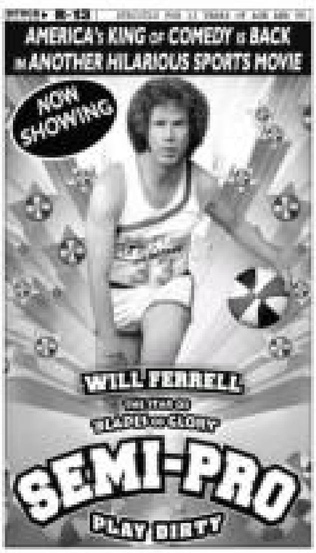

"NO COUNTRY for Old Men"

The Other Boleyn Girl

Street Kings

Asylum


"STREET Kings"





Morning show hosts compared


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Nestor U. Torre

Please let's not confuse volume with vitality

Selective humor

Cage wins apology over dog-napping claim

CHEER FACTOR

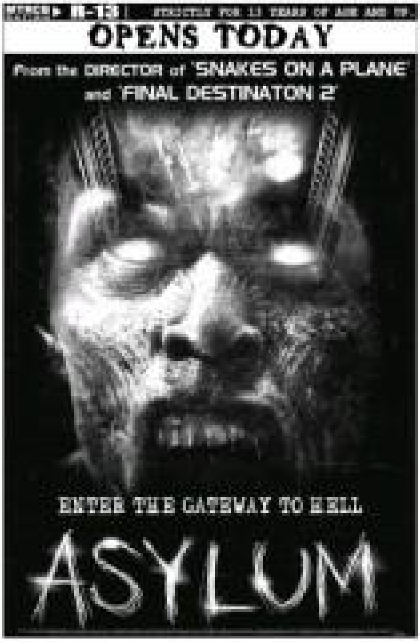
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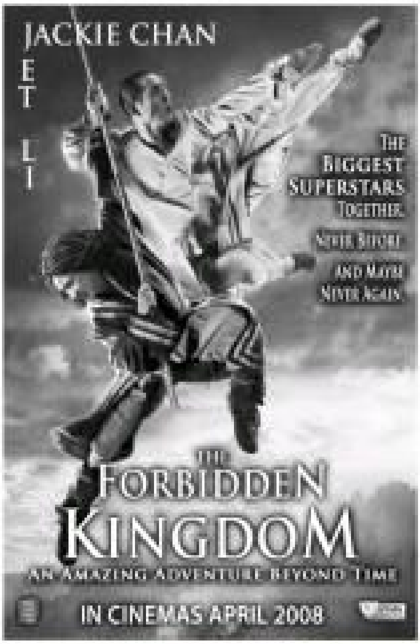
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Personal commitment



Karylle is our bet for Best Supporting GF





DOLLY WOOD


Dolly Anne Carvajal

Guess who?

Now a Kapamilya

Take two


CRISTINE Reyes



